

REMARKS

Claim 22 has been amended by incorporation of the limitations of claims 23, 25 and 26 and thereby represents allowable claim 26 rewritten in independent form.

New claim 42 represents allowable claim 27 (with intervening claim 23) rewritten in independent form.

New claim 43 represents allowable claim 32 (with intervening claims 23 and 31) rewritten in independent form.

New claim 44 corresponds to canceled claim 32 but depends from claim 43.

New claim 45 represents allowable claim 40 rewritten in independent form.

Thus all pending claims are now limited to subject matter the examiner has found to be allowable over the prior art.

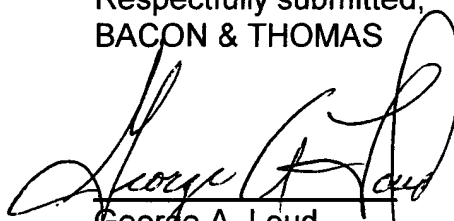
Responsive to paragraph 3 of the office action, claim 39 has been canceled and recitation of "a drive source" has been canceled from the claims.

Responsive to the rejection under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112 (paragraph 5 of the office action), the claims have been amended to recite that the first and second clutches are both engaged in fifth speed, as noted by the examiner.

Responsive to the rejection for indefiniteness, the instances of lack of antecedent specifically noted by the examiner and other such instances have been corrected by amendment.

Accordingly, the application is believed to be now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
BACON & THOMAS



George A. Loud
Registration No. 25,814

December 22, 2006

Date

Atty. Dkt: KAYA3002

625 Slaters Lane, 4th Floor
Alexandria, VA 22314

(703) 683-0500